

NICPRI / DYRET Seminars

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Transnational Connections in Southern Africa (1950-1990)

PROGRAMME

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The history of Southern Africa is one of people who came and tried to settle physically and culturally, people who voluntarily or forcedly moved inside the region or beyond it. Processes of voluntary or forced geographic mobility intensified with colonialism, when there was a constant movement of people across colonial and national borders as people moved to work and trade and as a result of anti-colonial and ethnic conflicts. For material, religious, political or ethnic reasons, people crossed political boundaries, undertaking long duree movements that produced regional inter-knowledge of different kinds. Post-World War II liberation struggles, and the resistance of called 'White Africa', helped foster ideas of solidarity and of common destiny among populations in the region. This was one of the driving forces that favored regional integration and stimulated the formation of the SADC.

This seminar is devoted to the historical reconstruction of transnational experiences and connections shared by a wide range of individuals, families and groups in Southern Africa during the long era of decolonization (1950-1990). Liberation movements had to work from exile in other countries, and there interacted with other movements in a variety of ways. Again, the links between such interactions and later moves to regional integration need to be explored.

The seminar aims to be a platform for dialogue on international research on this regional historical topic and to be a meeting-place for several generations of historians. Besides the presentation of results of the Research project “Transnational Regionalism in Southern Africa: From Liberation Movements to the Southern African Development Community”, the seminar will include contributions by academics and research in progress by PhD students. In this sense, it is also an intensive seminar for doctoral students in Contemporary History and International Relations from the University of Évora and open to those of other institutions.

Organization, place and date

The seminar is organized by the Évora University -NICPRI through the Research Group DyRET [Dynamics of Regional Integration: European and other Transnational Perspectives]. It will held at the University of Évora in April, 29-30 2014

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[April, 29]

Part I - PhD Theses in Progress

Sandra Araújo [CRIA–FCSH/UNL]: ***The Mozambique Information, Centralization and Coordination Services 'eyes and ears': exploring transnational intelligence exchanges and informants networks during the Mozambique Liberation War (1964-1974)***

Fernando H. Macaia [NICPRI.UÉ]: ***Simão Toco and Tocoism (1946-1963)***

Maria de Belém Fonseca [NICPRI.UÉ]: ***Decolonization and forced movements in Southern Africa: The Portuguese under "Zaireanisation"***

Part II : New explorations

João Tiago Lima [NICPRI.UÉ]: ***Two Portuguese Intellectuals in Angola: Alfredo Margarido e Jofre Amaral Nogueira***

Ana Roque [Tropical Research Institute (IICT)]: ***Reconstructing the Past of Eduardo Mondlane: Historical Sources.***

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Miles Larmer [University of Oxford]: ***The Katangese 'Tigers' in Angolan exile, 1967-1997***

Helder Adegar Fonseca [NICPRI.UÉ]: ***Liberation Movements Training Camps in Southern Africa: Nationalists and Transnational spaces (1963-1974)***

Christian A. Williams [CHR University of the Western Cape] : ***Camp, Nation, History in Southern Africa***

Kwandi Kondlo [University of Johannesburg]: ***The Diplomacy of National Liberation - The case study of the exiled PAC and the international community***

Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town): ***The ANC and SWAPO, c.1960-1990***